

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, July 22, 2021 5:00PM
MBTA Operations Center
62405 Verbena Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Chair Mintz called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – McArthur Wright led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:
Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Mark Lundquist, Ben Sasnett, McArthur Wright and Daniel L Mintz
Sr. Ellen Jackman was absent.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, recognized Cynthia Lopez as the Employee of the Quarter. Cynthia had been with us since the beginning of the TREP program and was a tremendous help. She showed real dedication to MBTA by always offering to fill in with little to no notice.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Closed Session pursuant to government code section 54957 regarding personnel matters, General Manager Evaluation

3.2 Closed Session pursuant to government code section 54957 regarding personnel matters, Procurement Director Evaluation

No items reported.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Minutes of the May 27, 2021 Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer's Report for April and May 2021

5.3 Warrant Register through June 30, 2021

- 5.4 Ridership Reports
- 5.5 Financial Reports
- 5.6 Administration Report
- 5.7 Operations Report
- 5.8 Article 3 Resolution 21-05

ACTION: Vice Chair Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.8); seconded by Board Member Wright; passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 RFP 20-01

Joe Meer, Procurement Director, provided details on how much larger RFP 20-01 was compared to previously.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abel moved to authorize staff to award contracts to bus dealers and manufacturers listed on Notice of Intent to Award RFP 20-01; seconded by Board Member Sasnett; passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Mark Goodale reported that he would be going to the Gillig plant in Livermore to do a final assembly and bus testing in August for our next large vehicle with anticipation of having a bus demo in September. Mark also shared that staff had been taking advantage of training opportunities.

Vice Chair Abel remembered rehabbing old buses for the Roadrunner Services and wondered if we still had them; Mark Goodale responded that they had been retired and sent to auction after running 11 years. Vice Chair Abel then inquired to the possibility of donating old buses to charity organizations; Mark explained it depended on the funding source. If MBTA used federal money, there was a process that MBTA had to follow which was usually auction. Joe Meer said he looked into this in the past and our buses are CNG which was a big impediment to smaller organizations.

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Abel requested staff look into updating MBTA's branding. With moving more and more toward clean energy and a lot of people concerned about the environment, we

could talk about clean buses, clean environment by taking the bus you're helping the environment by our buses running clean, that type of thing, during the rebranding.

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Sasnett reported they had closed session and in short summary they were all very pleased with the duties the General Manager and Procurement Director were doing.

Board Member Lundquist dittoed that and congratulated the Employee of the Quarter.

Board Member Drozd thanked Mark & Joe for all that they do.

Vice Chair Abel said it was still a pleasure serving on the board and felt MBTA had a great board and great staff.

Chair Mintz stated it was good to be there and thanked Joe, Mark and Matt for the great work they do. Chair Mintz told Mel DuBose that she did a good job.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49pm Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Goodale, Board Secretary